analysis of diverse samples of land, air and water from the station with the aim to generate baseline data required for devising an environmental monitoring protocol.

(vii) Communication and Engineering:

— Establishment of E-mail facility, uplinking Maitri though the INTERNET.

— Technology transfer on a commercial basis as a spin off of SODAR instrument developed in Antarctica.

— Indigenisation of cold temperature technology in building construction and life support systems.

— Indigenisation of certain kit clothing items for use in cold conditions.

— Availability of trained manpower to work in extreme cold, harsh and isolated conditions.

(c) and (d) The Fifteenth Indian Antarctic Expedition is expected to be launched by and November, 1995.

Availability of weapons manufactured by ordnance Factories to MPs

462. SHRI RAMA RATAN RAM:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the weapons which are available for purchase by Members of Parliament, manufactured by our Ordnance Factories and what are the names of those factories;

(b) what are the prices of each category and make of the weapons;

(c) how many Members of Parliament have made use of this facility; and

(d) what other category of civilian persons are entitled to purchase of these weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b)

Weapon	Manufacturing factory	Price (with taxes)
0.32 revolver	Small Arms Factory, Kanpur. Field Gun Factory, Kanpur.	Rs. 41, 400/-
0.315 rifle	Rifle Factory, Ishapore.	Rs. 29, 280/- (in West Bengal*)
12 bore gun	Rifle Factory, Ishapore. Gun & Shell Factory, Cossipore.	Rs. 22, 692/- (in West Bengal*)

*Taxes vary from state to State.

(c)

	90-91	91-92	92-93	93-94	94-95	95-96 (till July)
0.32" revolver	13	9	4	1	4	5
0.315 rifle	2	4	10	11	10	—
12 bore DBBL gun	1	—	—	—	—	—

(d) Those holding valid licence for possession of firearms are entitled to purchase these weapons. 0.315 rifle and 12 bore DBBL gun are sold in the market through authorised arms dealers. 0.32" revolver are sold only from the factories and are allotted to certain categories of persons (including membrs of Parliament and state ligislatures) in need of security.

Investment in Small and Medium Industries in U.P.

463. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total investment made by the Union Government in Uttar Pradesh in the small and medium scale industrial units during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) what is the total investment made by Government in the State during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in comparison to Seventh Five Year Plan period in this respect; and

(c) what effective measures are being taken by Government to increase the small and medium scale industries for creation of more employment for local people in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Union Government do not make investment in small and medium scale industrial units in any State/Union Territory. However, Government have taken a number of measures for the promotion and development of small and medium scale industrial units through the schemes/programmes like Tool Room and Training Centres, Product-cum-Process Development Centres, Entrepreneurship Development Programme, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, Integrated Infrastructural Development Scheme etc. in the country. These schemes help small scale industries in all the State/Union Territories including Uttar Pradesh. The funds utilised in the State of Uttar Pradesh in the implementation of specific projects during the first three years of Eighth Five Year Plan come to Rs. 9.06 crores as against Rs. 5.95 crores during 7th Five Year Plan. Besides, State Government also is having a number of schemes/programmes to assist small and medium scale industries. The 8th Plan outlay for Village and Small Scale Industries Sector of Uttar Pradesh is Rs. 261.20 crores against an outlay of Rs. 171.59 crores during 7th Five Year Plan. Under the Growth Centres Scheme, an amount of Rs. 4 crores was released to Uttar Pradesh for setting up 7 Growth Centres.

The measures taken by Central Government supplement the efforts of the State of Uttar Pradesh in encouraging the establishment of small and medium scale industries to generate more employment for the local people.

Funds Released to Indigenous System of Medicine

464. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indigenous system of medicine which has wide and ready acceptance among the masses of the country receives only a miniscule of funds whereas allopathy which caters to 30 per cent of the people, is allotted 97 per cent of the health budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to enhance the budget allocation to indigenous system of medicine in view of its popularity among the masses and harmless curative value; and

(d) if so, when such a decision is likely to be taken and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Out of total plan outlay of Rs. 644.57 crores for Health for the year 1995-96, Rs. 22.99 crores has been earmarked for the Indigenous Systems of Medicine.

(c) and (d) An additional outlay of Rs. 20 crores has already been sanctioned to be utilised in the implementation of various schemes by the newly created Department of ISM & H for the reamaining period of the 8th Plan.

मानसून के संबंध में अवास्तविक भविष्यवाणियां

465. **श्री सोमजीभाई:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 12 जुलाई, 1995 के "इकोनोमिक टाइम्स" में प्रकाशित उस संपादकीय की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें मौसम विभाग द्वारा मानसून के संबंध में की गई अवास्तविक भविष्यवाणियों का उल्लेख किया गया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार मौसम विभाग के क्रियाकलापों